(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir. Government is preparing 9th five year plan (1997-2002) for Department of Telecommunications, wherein it is proposed to provide telephone on demand by the end of 9th plan subject to approval of plan proposals and private operators supplimenting the efforts of Department of Telecommunications.

Road Building Projects on BOLT Basis in Andhra Pradesh

585. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared any road building project on BOLT basis in Andhra Pradesh in 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any BOLT proposals for Highway construction have been approved in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) the cost of such proposals;

(e) whether there is any participating by Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (f) This Ministry is mainly responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways only. No project on National Highways has been approved under 'BOLT Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Reviewing India's Foreign Policy

586. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new realities of the post-cold war era have relegated the concept of Non-alignment to the background and now the economic issues are dominating the world agenda;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to review their foreign policy in this context; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (c) The validity and continued relevance of the principles of the Non Aligned Movement were reaffirmed by the Heads of State/Government of Non-Aligned countries at the Summit Conferences in Jakarta in 1992 and again in Cartagena, Colombia in 1995. These were reiterated by the Foreign Ministers of NAM in the Commemorative Session to mark the 35th Anniversary of the Movement held in New York in September 1996. NAM has been particularly conscious of the need to promote and safeguard the interests of the developing countries in the present rapidly evolving international economic environment and to articulate its perspectives. It is responsive to the increasing importance of economic issues in the world agenda. It is also playing a constructive role in promoting both South-South Cooperation and North-South dialogue.

The philosophy behind the Non-Alignment Movement, which supports independence of thought and autonomy of choice, constitutes a central belief of our foreign policy. India has always been closely engaged in the Movement's work, which will continue.

Importing technology for LCA

587. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government propose to import stealth technology for the Rs. 12,000 crore Light Combat Aircraft project from Holland;

(b) if so, with which countries or international companies negotiations were held and comparative studies made to select appropriate technology; and